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Claim 8 is a dependent claim of the cancelled claim 7. Claim 8 should now depend on claim 1. This Supplemental Examiner Amendment is for the correction of this error.

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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gerald H. Glanzman on July 18, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended as follows:

In the claims document dated 10/3/06,

Cancel: claim 7

For claims 1, 12, 18, and 24, after "writing metadata describing...the snapshot was created", **replace: "; and" by ", and"**

Add: "wherein the writing further comprises writing an in-use state of snapshot map entries for a snapshot map group to the snapshot image prior to any

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before-image data blocks referenced by the snapshot map group being written to the snapshot image; and

For claim 8, in the preamble, **replace:** “The method of claim 7” **by** “The method of claim 1”

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

Please see the Reasons for Allowance on the document dated 7/26/07.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LINH BLACK whose telephone number is 571-272-4106. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571-272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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